

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated March 8, 2005. Claims 1, 3 and 17 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 4, 9, 12, 16 and 18 have been amended, without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been introduced. Seventeen (17) claims are pending and remain for consideration. Favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge that claims 5-8, 10 and 11 have been allowed. The Examiner has indicated that claims 4 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 4 and 9 have been so rewritten and thus should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 and 18 have been amended to depend from claim 4 and should be in condition for allowance for at least the same reason(s) as claim 4.

Claim 12 has been amended to depend from claim 5. Claims 13-15 and 19 depend from claim 12. These claims should be allowable for at least the same reason(s) as claim 5.

Claim 16 has been amended to depend from claim 10. Claim 20 depends from claim 16. These claims should be allowable for at least the same reason(s) as claim 10.

In view of the amendments and above remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.